
From: Richard Fetzer
To: Heston, Gerald
CC: Chase, Kelley; Rupert, Richard
Sent: 2/20/2013 11:06:39 AM
Subject: Fw: Recent calls from Craig Stevens regarding new contamination issues within the 9 square mile Dimock area

From: Johnson, KarenD
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 7:03:15 AM
To: Richard Fetzer
Subject: RE: Recent calls from Craig Stevens regarding new contamination issues within the 9 square mile Dimock area

Rich- I also referred Craig Steven's concerns to Scott Perry yesterday. He indicated one of the Cabot wells had a frozen/plugged vent and believe that was the source of new methane problems. He also indicated it raised integrity issues with the well. I reminded him we still have a couple pre-paid ISOTECH samples for the states use in methane cases and he said he'd check to see if they needed to use them, but didn't think so. I also offered our technical assistance with well construction/logging issues.

Karen

From: Richard Fetzer
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 4:01 PM
To: mcooley@pa.gov; miodonnell@pa.gov
Cc: Kevin Augustine; Heston, Gerald; Johnson, KarenD; Wright, Dave; Marzulli, Linda; Chase, Kelley; Rupert, Richard
Subject: Recent calls from Craig Stevens regarding new contamination issues within the 9 square mile Dimock area

Marc/Mike,

EPA has received several calls from Craig Stevens regarding new contamination issues with residential drinking water wells within the 9 square mile Dimock area. I also read information in a recent Scranton Times article regarding PADEP investigation into some drinking water well concerns in the Dimock area. I returned Mr. Steven's call today and spoke with him. He asked how EPA could get involved with this investigation.

In today's conversation, I re-affirmed EPA's procedure to request that citizens call the NRC 800 number if they believe that there is a drinking water issue requiring EPA's involvement. I emphasized that its best (but not required) if the affected resident makes that call. I also went over our agreement that EPA would coordinate with PADEP with regard to NRC reports (as we typically do). That coordination is through Kevin Augustine's Office in Wilkes Barre and for Oil and Gas Sites, Kevin refers them to your office. Mr. Steven's agreed to take that message back to those residents who are affect in the Dimock project area who might was to request EPA involvement.

Since we are continuing to get these inquiries, it would be a good idea for EPA to know if PADEP is currently investigating any homes for contaminated drinking water from oil and gas wells within the 9 square mile area. Please advise us if there are any ongoing investigations so that we may stay current with the situation. Please do not hesitate to ask us for assistance, if you feel the need.

Obviously, should any NRC reports be submitted, they will be referred to PADEP as usual.

Thanks.

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